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## Chief of Naval Personnel visits Hawaii Sailors

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PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (NNS) — Chief of Naval Personnel (CNP), Vice Adm. Norbert R. Ryan Jr., visited the naval station at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, recently, where he conducted an all-hands call with local Sailors at Sharkey Theater.

Hundreds of Sailors gathered in the theater to voice their concerns about today's Navy. The CNP discussed many different issues, ranging from retention to the new physical fitness standards.

"I was delighted to see so many enlisted folks take time out of their busy schedules to talk with me," the CNP said. "The turn out was great, as were the professional questions I was asked that gave me some good ideas to take back to Washington."

Recruiting and retention are two key areas that present challenges to the Navy, Ryan said. He explained some of the initiatives that have been put into place to help the Navy meet those challenges, such as

Smart Ship, Smart Work, "How We Live, Train and Fight" initiatives and the Fleet Review Board. He also talked about initiatives aimed at helping Sailors and their families.

"The leadership of the Navy is focused on improving the lives of our Sailors (officer and enlisted) and their families," Ryan said. "Retention is a family issue and we need to focus on retaining families."

Ryan also talked about the new physical fitness program and how it represents the Navy's goal to ensure that personal fitness

is a real priority for all Sailors.

"What we are trying to do is create a culture of fitness in the Navy," he said. "Instead of looking at the test as a hurdle, Sailors should see it as an assessment tool to measure their own individual fitness. We want to promote physical conditioning and a commitment to a healthy lifestyle."

During his meeting with Sailors, the CNP said he didn't have all the answers, but he emphasized that meeting challenges through leadership and teamwork will ultimately help the entire

Navy.

"We are in a war for talent," Ryan said. "We want to keep high quality Sailors such as those here today in the Navy by improving your quality of life and letting you know that the leadership recognizes the important job each one of you is doing and how much you all contribute to the Navy."

The CNP expressed his thanks to the service members and their families here in Hawaii for playing a vital role in the fleet.

To learn more about the Navy in Hawaii, go to [www.hawaii.navy.mil](http://www.hawaii.navy.mil).

## Atlantic Fleet Change of Command



**Secretary of the Navy Richard Danzig recognizes Adm. and Mrs. Vern Clark for their service during the Commander in Chief Atlantic Fleet Change-of-Command ceremony aboard USS Enterprise (CVN 65). Admiral Clark is scheduled to relieve Adm. Jay L. Johnson as Chief of Naval Operations on July 21, 2000.**

**Photo by Photographer's Mate 1st Class Tina M. Ackerman**

## USS George Washington Battle Group deploys

By 2nd Fleet Public Affairs

NORFOLK, Va. (NNS) — The ships and squadrons of USS George Washington (CVN 73) Battle Group (CVBG) began a scheduled six-month deployment June 21. About 15,000 Sailors and Marines, most from the Hampton Roads, Va., area, have deployed to relieve USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) Battle Group, which deployed in February and will return home in August.

The entire battle group has trained for the past eight months in preparation for this deployment through participation in a series of increasingly demanding exercises and operations.

In addition to USS George Washington and Carrier Air Wing 17, deploying ships include USS Normandy (CG 60), USS Cole (DDG 67), USS Donald Cook (DDG 75), USS Caron (DD 970), USS Briscoe (DD 977), USS Hawes (FFG 53), USS Simpson (FFG 56), USS Supply (AOE 6), USS Albany (SSN 753) and USS Pittsburgh (SSN 720).

The USS Saipan (LHA 2) Amphibious Ready Group/ Marine Expeditionary Unit (ARG/MEU) will also deploy as a major component of the



**Aviation Ordnancemen load a Mark-83 inert bomb on the flight deck of USS George Washington (CVN 73). The aircraft carrier and Carrier Air Wing Seventeen are currently conducting training exercises in the Puerto Rican operating area.**

**Photo by Photographer's Mate 3rd Class (AW) Lisa Marcus**

George Washington CVBG. The ARG/MEU is composed of USS Saipan, USS Austin (LPD 4), USS Ashland (LSD 48) and Marines of the 26th MEU.

Those units will deploy July 11.

USS Simpson and USS Cole will join the battle group after deploying in August.

Over the next six months, battle group ships will conduct multi-national and joint operations with European countries and visit ports in the Mediterranean and Arabian Gulf

nations. The ships and squadrons are scheduled to return home in December.

For more information about carriers of the Atlantic Fleet, go to [www.airlant.navy.mil/carriersbar.htm](http://www.airlant.navy.mil/carriersbar.htm).

For USS Saipan and links to the MEU and ships of the ARG, go to [www.spear.navy.mil/ships/lha2](http://www.spear.navy.mil/ships/lha2).

For submarines of the Atlantic Fleet, go to [www.sublant.navy.mil](http://www.sublant.navy.mil).

## LINK and Perspective magazines online

By Lt. j.g. Eric Petersen, Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) — Updated career information for both enlisted personnel and officers is now available on line. The new July-September issues of LINK and Perspective magazines are available on the BUPERS/Navy Personnel Command web site [www.bupers.navy.mil/periodicals](http://www.bupers.navy.mil/periodicals) and will soon be delivered to the fleet.

Both magazines focus on a challenge that affects everything we do in the Navy — retention, education programs, pay raises, bonus programs, as well as the prospect of an exciting and challenging career, are all topics of discussion in the detailers' columns.

For more information about LINK, contact JOC(SW/AW) Mike Morley at DSN 882-4136, or commercial at (901) 874-4136. For information about Perspective, contact Lt. j.g. Eric Petersen at DSN 882-4135, commercial (901) 874-4135.

Both magazines can be found under the "News Stand" button on the BUPERS/Navy Personnel Command web site at [www.bupers.navy.mil/periodicals](http://www.bupers.navy.mil/periodicals).

## USS Defender find helps families deal with loss

By Lt. j.g. Chuck Bell, Mine Warfare Command Public Affairs

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (NNS) — In the midst of a hunt for recruits during the annual Great Lakes Cruise, USS Defender (MCM 2) found time on June 18 to hunt — and then find — a sunken fishing vessel lost in Lake Michigan since December 1998.

USS Defender first located and then positively identified the 40-foot "Linda E" at a depth of 260 feet off Port

Washington, Wis., using its sonar and mine neutralization vehicle (MNV).

USS Defender's commanding officer, Lt. Cmdr. Aaron Jacobs, said finding the Linda E brought mixed emotions.

"Of course we were excited to have found the vessel we were searching for," said Jacobs. "On the other hand, we also knew ... there was a large emotional context to it."

Michigan Rep. Mark Green requested the search on behalf of families of the three Linda E crewmembers believed drowned when the boat was lost. The cause of the sinking has gone unanswered.

USS Defender was between port visits in Green Bay and Milwaukee, Wis., when the vessel located Linda E.

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## Landing Force CARAT trains with Philippine marines

By Staff Sgt. Jason Bortz, Landing Force CARAT Public Affairs

FORT MAGSAYSAY, Philippines (NNS) — Approximately 400 Marines with Landing Force Cooperation Afloat Readiness And Training (LF CARAT) III Marine Expeditionary Force, conducted bilateral training with Philippine marines as part of the bilateral exercise which started June 14.

The Philippines was the first of six countries in which Marines of CARAT 2000 will conduct bilateral training with their service counterparts. This was also only the second time Marines have trained in the Philippines in many years.

This exercise helps familiarize U.S. Marines with the tactics, techniques and procedures of their counterparts in other countries. It also allows a chance to build

camaraderie with fellow service members who may one day be fighting together on the same battlefield.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for two great marine corps to get together and share knowledge," said Philippine Col. Ben Corona, commanding officer, Combat Service Support Brigade, Philippine marine corps.

The training began on the morning of June 14, with classroom lectures and infantry demonstrations such as patrolling and reacting to sniper fire. The two corps' took turns demonstrating how they would handle different situations.

"They [Philippine corps] are very professional, well disciplined and very enthusiastic about learning," said Capt. John Hatala, commanding

officer of LF CARAT's Kilo Company.

"I think they learned something today," said Capt. Charles Hinton, Headquarters and Service Company commander with LF CARAT, who gave a class on the Marine Corps' planning process.

The Philippine marines weren't the only ones who learned a few things.

"They have a lot of [combat] experience," said Hatala. The U.S. Marines got a few new ideas on taking out bunkers, tunneling and crossing danger areas. They have some good techniques," added Hatala.

The next two days brought the two corps together for some live fire exercises. Training included firing 81 mm mortars, making and applying

shape charges, clearing a building in an urban setting and engaging an enemy while patrolling.

"I had a lot of fun blowing up things," said Philippine Sgt. Jade Dalloran of the Philippine corps' Force Reconnaissance, who spent the day with the Combat Engineers Platoon using shape charges. "I would like to train with them again."

The Marines from LF CARAT conducted additional training with the Philippine marines, performing a combined amphibious assault on a beach in Ternate, Philippines.

"Everyone is afraid of the Marine warrior," said Corona, discussing the similarities between the two Marine Corps.

For more information about CARAT 2000 go to [www.clwp.navy.mil/carat.htm](http://www.clwp.navy.mil/carat.htm).

## Historic submarine to be raised from Charleston Harbor

By the Naval Historical Center

WASHINGTON (NNS) — H.L. Hunley, a submersible known as the "South's secret weapon," had just turned for shore after sinking the Union blockader USS Housatonic one chilly February night in 1864, when it vanished in Charleston Harbor, S.C., with all hands.

The fate of the first submarine to sink an enemy vessel in combat and her nine young volunteer crewmen remained a mystery for nearly 135 years, until a team led by the Naval Historical Center (NHC) in Washington, D.C., provided some answers.

Doctor Robert Neyland, NHC's chief underwater archaeologist and Hunley project director, called the revolutionary vessel "a national treasure" comparable to the Wright brothers' aircraft.

"It is the very first successful military submarine," he said. "Not until World War I would another submarine sink an enemy ship."

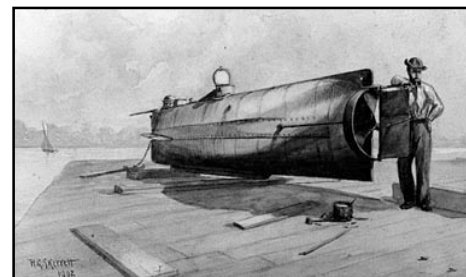
Novelist and adventurer Clive Cussler and divers from his non-profit National Underwater and Marine Agency found Hunley in 1995. A team led by the National Park Service Submerged Cultural Resources Unit surveyed the wreck in 1996 to determine if the submarine could be recovered.

In 1999, a team led by Neyland surveyed the wreck of USS Housatonic, confirming that while over 200 feet of the vessel remains, the starboard stern, the area reportedly hit by Hunley, is missing.

With the exception of a hole in the forward hatch, the Hunley was found intact. It is believed the submarine was quickly covered and filled with sediment.

"In many ways this is like recovering a bottle — everything is contained inside the submarine," Neyland said.

In mid-May, a team of experts working in zero visibility began work to



Sepia wash drawing by R.G. Skerret, 1902

raise Hunley from the sea bottom, where it lies completely buried under three-to-four feet of sand and shells.

When the recovery, excavation, and conservation of Hunley are complete, Hunley will be on display at South Carolina's Charleston Museum in a new wing built especially for the vessel and its associated artifacts.

To learn more about Hunley and other aspects of naval history, go to [www.history.navy.mil](http://www.history.navy.mil).



# Seabee goes home during deployment

By Lt. Leslie Hull-Ryde, Commander Task Force 712 Public Affairs

PARANG, Philippines (NNS) — Like most of his shipmates, Steelworker 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Manuel Reyes gets homesick on deployment, but his symptoms may be more severe.

To cure himself, Reyes decided to go home and jumped at the chance to support a series of bilateral exercises, called Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT), which got underway in the Philippines June 14, near where Reyes lived most of his life.

"This is good for me. I'm back in my hometown and I get to see my family in the middle of a deployment. That rarely happens," he said.

A naturalized American citizen of only four months, Reyes grew up in Baguio City, seven hours from where his construction battalion unit is working at the Filipino school his son now attends.

"I get to serve my original country and I get to work with the U.S. Navy, helping my own people," Reyes said. "I feel good."

He and his fellow Seabees, a detachment from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74, based in Gulfport, Miss., and forward deployed to Okinawa, Japan, are in Parang, Philippines for CARAT 2000.

The Sailors have poured a sidewalk to cover a dirt path the students of Parang Elementary School used to go from one building to another. They also put in a walkway so the faculty and students don't get muddy when they go to the well used to flush the school's toilets and wash dishes.

Since arriving in country, the crew has worked with their Filipino counterparts building an

all-purpose room, which the school can use for graduations and special programs.

"I never thought I'd be doing this," Reyes says. "I only thought I'd be building buildings for the Navy."

This former Filipino architect turned Seabee joined the Navy to travel. He says he never dreamed that four years later he'd get to come home.

"I'm happy with the way the Navy treats me. I've got good benefits and I get to travel. I love to travel," said Reyes.

He admits another reason he decided to start wearing dungarees was that he hoped the Navy could help bring his wife, Vilma and their son, Adrian, then less than two years

old, to the States. At the time he joined the Navy, Reyes lived in Fremont, Calif., and worked in two warehouses in the area.

Reyes believed being in the Navy might help him move his family out of the Philippines. It hasn't happened yet, but this Sailor is determined.

While Vilma and his two children now live in Baguio City where the couple grew up, Reyes spends his free time working with his senator in Mississippi, trying to make the family move work out. He said there's a lot of paperwork.

Senior Chief Utilitiesman William Eckhoff, officer in charge of the Seabee unit supporting CARAT 2000, said this Sailor is "locked on" and has made a difference in the

Philippine stage of this series of bilateral exercises.

"He really works hard," said Eckhoff. "A lot of things on this construction site would have shut down if he hadn't been with us."

Several times, Reyes translated from English to his Filipino Seabees counterparts' native Tagalog language. He also worked with locals in the area when the CARAT crew needed equipment or supplies.

Reyes and the Seabees from both countries will work together during CARAT. This exercise builds more than just multi-purpose rooms. Civic action projects like the one at Parang Elementary School build friendships between the Philippine and U.S. navies.

## USS Kingfisher (MHC 56)



Quartermaster 3rd Class Dustin Travis from Ithaca, N.Y., explains the function of equipment on the bridge to visitors during a tour of USS Kingfisher (MHC 56). Kingfisher, a coastal minehunter, is visiting Detroit as part of the Navy's Great Lakes Cruise 2000 to raise awareness of the Navy for the people of the Great Lakes Region and to promote recruiting.

Photo by Lieutenant Catherine Perreault

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"They performed with excellence and did a wonderful job in getting this answered for us," Green said at a news conference held in Milwaukee June 19 soon after Defender's arrival.

He and Jacobs gave family members of the lost crew a briefing prior to the news conference. Jacobs also presented the families with three flags flown over Linda E's resting site.

Coast Guard Cmdr. David Lersch, who heads the Marine Safety Office in Milwaukee, said videotapes taken June 18 by Defender's MNV showed no obvious damage to Linda E.

"We will now try to determine what happened," Lersch said. "It will be a challenge, but we will continue the investigation."

USS Kingfisher (MHC 56), also taking part in this year's Great Lakes Cruise, did an initial search of the area during the evening and early morning hours of June 15 and 16, and helped to redefine the area for Defender's successful search June 18.

The search for Linda E was the second time Defender performed such a service during the Great Lakes Cruise.



**USS Defender (MCM 2)  
U.S. Navy photo**

On May 31 the ship searched an area near Marquette, Mich., in an attempt to help local officials solve the 25-year-old mystery of an apparent airplane crash in Lake Superior. The ship found no signs of wreckage.

"People can be proud of the crew of the Defender and Kingfisher," said Craig Svoboda, stepson of Linda E crewman Leif Weborg. "And to the crew of the Defender, you have given us closure."

For more information about the Mine Warfare Command and its mission, go to [www.cns.spear.navy.mil/cmwc](http://www.cns.spear.navy.mil/cmwc).

## On Navy/Marine Corps News

Look for the following stories and more on next week's show:

- \* The Commandant of the Marine Corps takes his first ride in the V-22 Osprey at China Lake, Calif.;

- \* President Clinton and Defense Secretary William S. Cohen salute Korean War veterans on the 50th anniversary of its beginning;

- \* Corpsmen and doctors from USNS Comfort (T-AH 20) travel to Camp Lejeune, N.C., for training with Marines and soldiers participating in Exercise Roving Sands 2000;

- \* Reserve Sailors travel to Baltimore where they help with the preservation and upkeep of two historic vessels.

Compiled on tape #2000-27, the show is on its way to the fleet now.

## In naval history: July 6, 1747

John Paul Jones was born at Abigland, Scotland. As commander of Bonhomme Richard, he would later reject British surrender by uttering the famous words, "I have not yet begun to fight."

## Submarine Centennial history: July 8, 1978

The 500th Poseidon (C3) missile patrol was completed by USS George Washington Carver (SSBN 656) upon its return to the refit site at Rota, Spain.

For more information about the Submarine Centennial, go to [www.navy.mil](http://www.navy.mil) and click on "Submarine Centennial."

## Screwin' Around



**Electrician's Mate 2nd Class Joshua Benjamins inspects one of the screws of the auxiliary rescue and salvage ship USS Grasp (ARS 51) during an underwater ship's husbandry dive.  
Photo by Photographer's Mate 1st Class Andrew McKaskle**

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